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SUBJECT: EXECUTIVE YUAN ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT CONTAINS NO
SURPRISES

REFERENCE: TAIPEI 1011

1. INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY: THE FEBRUARY EXECUTIVE YUAN
WRITTEN ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT TO THE LEGISLATIVE YUAN IS AN
UNUSUALLY STRAIGHT-FORWARD, COMPREHENSIVE REPORT OF WHAT THE
GROC HAS ACCOMPLISHED IN THE AREAS OF FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC
POLICY DURING THE PAST SIX MONTHS AND THE DIRECTION OF FUTURE
GROC POLICY IN THESE AREAS. HOWEVER, APART FROM THE SECTION
ON ATOMIC ENERGY (REPORTED REFTTEL), THE REPORT APPEARS TO
BREAK NO NEW GROUND. THE LEGISLATIVE YUAN IS SCHEDULED TO
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HOLD ITS OPENING SESSION FOR THE FIRST HALF OF 1976 ON FEBRUARY

27, AT WHICH TIME THE PREMIER IS EXPECTED TO APPEAR AND MAKE FURTHER COMMENTS ON ROC PROGRESS AND POLICY. END SUMMARY.

2. THE FOREIGN RELATIONS SECTION OF THE REPORT PROVIDES A DETAILED RUNDOWN OF ROC RELATIONS WITH COUNTRIES WITH WHICH IT HAS DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AND A SOMEWHAT LESSS DETAILED ACCOUNT OF THE SUBSTANTIAL RELATIONS IT MAINTAINS WITH COUNTRIES THAT DO NOT RECOGNIZE IT. IN THE OPENING PORTION OF THIS SECTION, THE GROC REAFFIRMS ITS LONG-HELD POSITIONS OF PURSUING AN ANTI-COMMUNIST NATIONAL POLICY, OBSERVING INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS, AND FIRMLY SIDING WITH THE DEMOCRATIC CAMP. IT PLEDGES THE NATION TO CARRY OUT TOTAL DIPLOMACY TO STRENGTHEN EXTERNAL RELATIONS, BREAK THE "INTERNATIONAL TREND OF APPEASEMENT," CRUSH PEKING'S "UNITED FRONT TRICKS," AND CREATE NEW DEIPLOMATIC OPPORTUNITIES.

3. THE SECTION ON US/ROC RELATIONS IS NOTABLE FOR ITS ALMOST TOTAL LACK OF RHETORIC, RECOUNTING IN A STRAIGHT-FORWARD MANNER VARIOUS SIGNS OF SUPPORT FROM MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND STATE LEGISLATURES, SECRETARY KISSINGER'S AND PRESIDENT FORD'S RECENT VISITS TO THE PRC, AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY HABIB'S VISIT TO THE ROC.

4. ON NATIONAL DEFENSE THE REPORT NOTES THAT OTHER THAN EXPANDING EXISTING PRODUCTION AND MAINTENANCE CAPABILITIES TO MEET OPERATIONAL DEMANDS, EXPERIMENTAL PRODUCTION OF CERTAIN PRECISION AND HEAVY EQUIPMENT HAS BEGUN WITH A FINAL GOAL OF MANUFACTURING ALL WEAPONS AND EQUIPMENT USED BY THE ROC ARMED FORCES AND PROVIDING PRODUCTION AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES TO OTHER COUNTRIES.

5. ON THE ECONOMIC SIDE THE REPORT EMPHASIZES THE NEXT SIX-YEAR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN (1976-1981), ADDING THAT THE GROC IS PLANNING TO INITIATE NEW MAJOR ECONOMIC PROJECTS AFTER THE TEN MAJOR PROJECTIONS ARE COMPLETED. WHILE NOTING THAT THE POPULATION PROGRAM HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL, THE REPORT WARNS THAT THE POPULATION GROWTH RATE MAY INCREASE.

6. COMMEN: ALTHOUGH THE FEBRUARY 1976 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT, LIKE ITS PREDECESSORS, BREAKS NO NEW GROUND (ASIDE FROM THAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REPORTED REFTEL), IT IS SLIGHTLY UNUSUAL IN THE STRAIGHT-FORWARD MANNER IT DEALS WITH FOREIGN POLICY, ESPECIALLY THE SECTION ON US/ROC RELATIONS. EMBASSY OFFICERS PLAN TO ATTEND THE OPENING SESSION OF THE LEGISLATIVE YUAN AND WILL REPORT ON ANY SIGNIFICANT AREAS OF THE PREMIER'S ORAL PRESENTATION OF THE REPORT, WHICH FREQUENTLY BEARS LITTLE RELATION TO THE CONTENTS OF THE WRITTEN REPORT.

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